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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF DATED DECEMBER 6, 2006

Applicants submit a Revised Appeal Brief (attached herewith) and the following remarks in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief dated December 6, 2006.

Applicants believe that the Revised Appeal Brief previously submitted on September 11, 2006, already contains a concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims involved in the appeal. However, in an effort to move the appeal forward expeditiously, Applicants submit a revised Summary of the Claimed Subject Matter which show support in the specification for each single limitation in each independent claim as required by the Examiner.

The Examiner also states in the Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief that it is incorrect to include in section 8 under "Grounds of Rejection" a rejection of claims 1-8

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and 10-16 under 103(a). Applicants respectfully submit that page 2 of the Final Office Action dated December 16, 2005, states that "Claims 1 - 8, 10 - 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Blumenau et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,665,714." (Second sentence under section 2, page 2 of the Final Office Action dated December 16, 2005). Since the Examiner appears to have mistakenly or inadvertently included this sentence in the Final Office Action and/or appears to have withdrawn this rejection, Applicants have removed the corresponding sections with respect to this rejection from the appeal brief.

Respectfully submitted, and S-signed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.4,

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